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1. This Lodge shall be known by the name of Mountain View Lodge No. 16, G.R.A., Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

2. The warrant of the Lodge is a Charter granted on the 12th day of October, 1905 A.D. by the W.M., Grand Lodge of Alberta, to whose constitutional rules and edicts the most implicit respect and obedience will ever be paid by its members.

3. The regular meeting of this Lodge shall be held at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the first Monday of every month. All meetings are to be held in the Masonic Hall in Olds and the work practised shall be known as the Ancient York Work.

4. The order of business at every regular meeting shall be as follows: subject, however, to change at any time by the Worshipful Master or temporarily dispensed with at the discretion of the Lodge.

    1. Reading of the minutes of the last regular and all intervening meetings.
    2. Report of committees on petitions.
    3. Balloting.
    4. Reception of petitions.
    5. Reports of committees general.

6. Accounts and communications.
7. Unfinished business.
8. New business.
9. Conferring degrees.

5. No new business shall be entered upon after 11:00 p.m.

6. No regular meeting shall be called beyond the day and night in which it is opened and the Lodge must be regularly closed before the Brethern disperse.

7. The officers of the Lodge shall consist of:

The Worshipful Master
The Immediate Past Master
The Senior Warden
The Junior Warden
The Treasurer
The Secretary
The Chaplain
The Senior Deacon
The Junior Deacon
The Senior Steward
The Junior Steward
The Director of Ceremonies
The Registrar
The Tyler

To which may be added an organist.

8. The election of officers shall be held at the regular meeting held in the month of December. Nominations and election shall be by written ballot, except for the office of Tyler.

9. A member present and entitled to ballot and/or vote shall not be excused from that duty save by permission of the Worshipful Master for good and sufficient reason.

10. There shall be four standing committees of the Lodge: a committee on sickness and welfare, a committee on finance, a committee on Masonic education and research, and a board of management.

(a) The committee on sickness and welfare shall consist of the Worshipful Master and Wardens and shall have power to draw on the treasurer, through its chairman, for a sum not exceeding $25.00 for the discharge of its duties.

(b) The committee on finance shall consist of three Master Masons, to be appointed by the Worshipful Master on the day of installation, or not later than the next regular meeting. The duties of this committee shall be to examine the books, vouchers, etc. of the Treasurer and Secretary from time to time, to examine

and pass on all bills, accounts and claims that may be presented to the Lodge for payment.

(c) The Worshipful Master shall also, on the day of installation, appoint the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, and one Master Mason as a committee whose duty it shall be to audit the books and financial records of the Lodge and report thereon at the regular meeting in February.

(d) The duties of the board of Management shall be supervision of duties and titles, upkeep of the buildings and grounds and manage general affairs.

11. FEES — the fees for the three degrees shall be fifty dollars which shall accompany the petition when presented to the Lodge and be refundable if candidate found unfavourable. Dues, pro rated for the balance of the year, shall also accompany petition.

12. DUES — To members of this Lodge, the annual dues shall be fifteen dollars, except the Secretary and Tyler who shall be exempt.

13. A petition for affiliation shall be accompanied by current years dues (pro rata) in addition to Grand Lodge fees which deposit in case of rejection shall be returned to the petitioner.

14. The funds of the Lodge, for purposes other than ordinary expenditure, may be expended as directed by a majority vote at a regular meeting, providing that notice of motion of the proposed expenditure has been given at the preceding regular meeting, and that this notice has been printed on the Lodge notice calling the meeting at which the vote is to be taken.

15. These by-laws, or any part thereof may be amended, substituted or repealed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Lodge, always provided that a notice of motion covering the proposed change is given at a regular meeting, it is entered in the minutes and inserted in the notice calling the regular meeting at which the proposed alterations will come before the Lodge, which, if passed by the required majority and the approval of the Grand Master has been obtained, it will become law.

16. Signing of By-laws. These by-laws when fairly written, or printed in a book, shall be signed by the Worshipful Master and the Secretary and shall have the seal of

the Lodge affixed. Each Brother is required to subscribe to them at the time of his initiation or affiliation as a declaration of submission thereto, and one copy shall be delivered to each member free of charge.

17. No member or visiting Brother shall disclose or make known by any means whatsoever out of this Lodge any of the proceedings or any of the decisions or business of any kind transacted within the Lodge to any one not a Mason, and no member or visitor shall presume in open Lodge, either in labor or refreshment, to make use of any profane, irreverent or improper expression of sentiments, or to introduce any conversation or remarks tending to cause a difference of opinion on national, political, or religious subjects, under the penalty, if a member, of severe censure or reprimand, and if a visiting Brother, of not again permitted to visit this Lodge until after an unanimous vote of the Lodge for that purpose. On the initiation of each candidate and the joining of each Brother, the Worshipful Master shall cause this section to be read in open Lodge, so that no Brother ever after shall plead ignorance.

Brethern are enjoined to consider their Masonic summonses as strictly private; on no account should they be publicly exposed or carelessly made use of.

READ AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Lodge this First day of October, A.D. 1962, A.L. 5962.

R. N. YATES,
Worshipful Master.

GORDON LEACH,
Secretary.

APPROVED this Eighteenth day of October, A.D. 1962, A.L. 5962, at the City of Calgary, in the Province of Alberta.

W. LLOYD McPHEE,
Grand Master.

E. H. RIVERS,
Grand Secretary.